To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1193 without my signature.

I vetoed a substantively similar bill in 2004. This bill would allow schools to receive funding for time when students are volunteering as an elections precinct board member. While civic and other volunteer activities can offer many educational opportunities to students, these activities should be in addition to, and not in place of, valuable classroom learning time with a teacher.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger